



## 2010/2011 World Series of Poker Circuit

**Final Results:** Horseshoe Hammond

Event #1

No-Limit Hold'em

Buy-In: \$300 (+50)

Total Entries: 1,611

Total Prize Pool: \$462,368

October 15 – October 17, 2010

### Final Results:

<u>Finish</u>	<u>Last Name</u>	<u>First Name</u>	<u>Prize</u>
1	Schwertley	Brett	77438
2	Corrado	Edward	47975
3	Ranallo	Jack	36203
4	Glanton	Jacob	27511
5	Whalen	Daniel	20945
6	Pyszynski	Daniel	16090
7	Schroeder	Jason	12530
8	Gassner	Michael	9848
9	Smith	Alex	7860
10	Gilletly	Steven	6334
11	Hotaling	Peter	6334
12	Wong	Kevin	6334
13	Vilchez	Jesse	5179
14	Jilian	Garo	5179
15	Chang	Joe	5179
16	Taylor	Brian	4282
17	Chiaramonte	Nicholas	4282
18	Bitakis	John	4282
19	Farkas	Jeremy	3569
20	Sorg	Eric	3569
21	Zorbas	Angelo	3569
22	Quattrocchi	Kenneth	3005
23	Bajza	Michael	3005
24	Pestrak	Glen	3005
25	Wein	Saar	2548
26	Griede	Ronald	2548
27	Rincker	Brenton	2548
28	Villalpando	Dominico	2182
29	Hillis	David	2182
30	Cibula	Charlie	2182

31	Flores	Daniel	1886
32	Slocum	Robert	1886
33	Miraglia	John	1886
34	Oberski	Adam	1646
35	Frasik	John	1646
36	Hariu	Michael	1646
37	Le	Tuan	1452
38	Gutierrez	Jonathan	1452
39	Crededio	Adrian	1452
40	Ehresman	Daniel	1452
41	Bounds	Curtis	1452
42	Lux	Brent	1452
43	Maxfield	Scott	1452
44	Hagemann	Kurtis	1452
45	Baker	Jeffrey	1452
46	Watson	Graham	1295
47	Tekara	Je	1295
48	Villacis	Carlos	1295
49	Robinson	Dale	1295
50	Baysinger	Ryan	1295
51	Stapleton	Shawn	1295
52	Kronberg	Philip	1295
53	Foster	Larry	1295
54	Slavens	James	1295
55	Neveu	Robby	1165
56	Le	Chilinh	1165
57	Yates	Neil	1165
58	Brikis	Joshua	1165
59	Roberts	Brian	1165
60	Safin	Alexander	1165
61	Gurke	Jacob	1165
62	Murphy	Aaron	1165
63	Guerra	Joseph	1165
64	Harris	Brian	1059
65	Zubricki	Albin	1059
66	Brooks	Scott	1059
67	Wilmot	Shawn	1059
68	Osterkamp	Henry	1059
69	Guss	Jeffrey	1059
70	Robbins	Casey	1059
71	Alimboyoguen	Richard	1059
72	Miklos	Alexander	1059
73	Malas	Daniel	971
74	Hardiek	Michael	971
75	Gaiter	Marcus	971
76	Buettner	John	971
77	Ziskin	Alexander	971
78	Jones	Eric	971
79	Werer	Timothy	971
80	Tolbert	James	971
81	Buck	Kevin	971

82	Winchester	Albert	892
83	Miller	David	892
84	Stiver	Jason	892
85	Meyer	Daniel	892
86	Britton	Arthur	892
87	Kurup	Krishna	892
88	Fornek	Jonathan	892
89	Fahey	Edward	892
90	Salter	Daniel	892
91	Brown	Jeffrey	823
92	Williams	Chad	823
93	Schierer	Dewayne	823
94	Tomesevich	Speros	823
95	White	Carl	823
96	George	John	823
97	Mendez	Porfirio	823
98	Hollar	Jeffery	823
99	Walker	Kelly	823
100	Heard	Paris	758
101	Hawkins	Terrence	758
102	Crowley	Mark	758
103	Orrell	Jason	758
104	Fogleman	Patrick	758
105	Luce	Thomas	758
106	Seferovic	Nazim	758
107	Hall	James	758
108	Miller	Kyle	758
109	Chacon	Rico	698
110	Rusch	Shawn	698
111	Metlow	Gary	698
112	Livingston	John	698
113	Golden	Martin	698
114	Curtis	Kevin	698
115	Childers	Christopher	698
116	Kohles	Michael	698
117	Ortiz	Milton	698
118	Koniarczyk	Kazimierz	643
119	Lavin	Brian	643
120	Schroeder	John	643
121	Juliano	Michael	643
122	Gitterle	Victor	643
123	Kahoun	Scott	643
124	Hammarstrom	Nicholas	643
125	Anderson	Nicholas	643
126	Sarullo	Daniel	643
127	Henkin	Bradley	643
128	Franklin	Travian	643
129	Lindquist	David	643
130	Kamenjarin	Michael	643
131	Shamoun	Fioder	643
132	Banks	Glyn	643

133	Matuszewski	Daniel	643
134	Labotz	Matthew	643
135	Beausang	Sean	643
136	Wirth	Tiffany	592
137	Behm	Marcia	592
138	Mowery	Jeffrey	592
139	Kim	Joseph	592
140	Goetz	Duane	592
141	Bitunjac	Robert	592
142	Tan	Christopher	592
143	Frymire	Jared	592
144	Vesely	Michael	592
145	Ratcliff	Michael	592
146	Uminn	Mark	592
147	Funhouser	Christopher	592
148	Tompkins	Anthony	592
149	Devault	Stephen	592
150	Fuchs	Adam	592
151	Wiles	Steven	592
152	Mrozek	Michael	592
153	Juncaj	Mark	592
154	Granskog	Michael	546
155	Pappas	George	546
156	Oswald	William	546
157	Oconnell	Brian	546
158	Bitner	Sean	546
159	Patterson	Jamie	546

## Brett Schwertley Makes Big Comeback and Wins Chicago Opener

### Horseshoe Hammond Sets New Record with Largest Poker Tournament in WSOP Circuit History

Hammond, IN – Poker is not only alive and well in Chicago, it's become the city's newest pastime.

While the NFL's Bears lost a bitterly disappointing home game on Sunday afternoon and while both major league baseball franchises were forced to watch other teams compete in the league championship series, poker became the main focus for a record-smashing 1,611 players who entered the first event of this year's World Series of Poker Circuit, held just outside Chicago. Forget about going to Soldier Field and Comiskey Park. There were far more winners playing at the Horseshoe Casino, in nearby Hammond.

The \$350 buy-in No-Limit Hold'em tournament was the largest poker event ever held in the seven-year history of the WSOP Circuits. In fact, this was the biggest poker turnout ever in the Chicago area. The enormous field size shattered the previous record set here at Horseshoe Hammond almost a year to the day of this historic occasion. Last year's number of entrants for the corresponding event was 1,412, who participated in the opener. Accordingly, this tournament not only eclipsed the previous mark, it obliterated the old record by just under 200 players.

When this tournament began promptly at noon on Friday, October 15th, every single seat and poker table was filled to capacity. Nearly 200 alternates were seated as players were gradually eliminated. Turnout was so large that the original plan to play two consecutive days was scrapped. A third day had to be added in order to play into the money, reach the final table, and ultimately to determine the winner.

The tournament winner was [Brett Schwertley](#), a 27-year-old semi-pro poker player from Omaha, NE. This marked his first time ever to win a WSOP Circuit victory. His win paid \$77,438 in prize money, plus the coveted Gold Ring, the token prize presented to all WSOP Circuit event champions.

Remarkably, this was Schwertley's fifth time to cash so far this season. Despite this being only the third WSOP Circuit stop in 2010-2011, Schwertley appears well on his way to being a strong contender as the point leader in the overall WSOP Circuit National Championship race. Schwertley also now has nine WSOP Circuit cashes on his resume, plus two in-the-money finishes at the WSOP in Las Vegas. This victory catapults him over the \$100,000 mark in WSOP tournament winnings.

Schwertley defeated longtime poker tournament veteran Edward Corrado in heads-up play and scooped the biggest pot of the tournament, which brought a well-deserved victory. The final hand occurred when Schwertley was dealt **Q♥ 3♥** against Corrado's **K♠ 2♣**. There was no early raise, so both players got to see the flop cheaply. Little did anyone expect these two mediocre hands would lead to the final confrontation of what was a very long three-day tournament.

The flop came **K♥ Q♦ 3♦**. Corrado flopped top pair -- kings. But Schwertley flopped two pair -- queens and threes. Schwertley stealthily checked to his aggressive opponent. On cue, Corrado bet out with his pair of kings and Schwertley check-raised, which was quickly called. The turn brought the 6h. Now, Schwertley's hand was even sweeter -- with two pair and a flush draw. This time, Schwertley bet out and Corrado called. The 7h came on the river, giving Schwertley a heart flush. He moved all in and Corrado made a crying call, perhaps thinking he was pot committed at that point. Schwertley showed the winner, and Corrado gracefully conceded defeat with a handshake.

Final table play began with Dan Whalen holding a slight edge over Jacob Glanton. All other players were behind by more than 2 to 1 in chips. Given the huge field size as was expected, players did not reach the final table until midnight on the second day of play. That meant the survivors had already played for about ten hours on Day Two when they took seats in the finale. The starting seating positions and chip counts were as follows.

SEAT 1: Jacob Glanton (South Bend, IN) – 2,700,000  
SEAT 2: Jason Schroeder (Aurora, IL) – 1,500,000  
SEAT 3: Steve Gilletby (Geneva, IL) – 1,450,000  
SEAT 4: Michael Gassner (Highland Park, IL) – 750,000  
SEAT 5: Edward Corrado (Naples, FL) – 1,300,000  
SEAT 6: Alex Smith (Wheeling, IL) – 1,175,000  
SEAT 7: Daniel Pyszynski (Chicago, IL) – 800,000  
SEAT 8: Brett Schwertley (Omaha, NE) – 1,690,000  
SEAT 9: Jack Ranallo (Elmwood Park, IL) – 1,200,000  
SAT 10: Dan Whalen (Chicago, IL) – 3,500,000

Players battled for two more hours and then play was suspended for the night at the end of Day Two. Day Three included the final seven players, playing down to the winner. That came about five hours into the finale.

**9th Place** – Alex Smith, a physical education major and college student from Wheeling, IL, ended up busting out in ninth place. This was his first time to appear at a WSOP Circuit final table.

**8th Place** – Michael Gassner finished in eighth place. He is a 44-year-old retiree from Highland Park, IL. He now plays poker most of his free time. Gassner has played all three years at the WSOP Circuit here in Chicago. This was his best finish, to date.

**7th Place** – Jason Schroeder was the seventh-place finisher. The 27-year-old poker pro from the western Chicago suburbs made the money along with his twin brother, John Schroeder -- who came in 120th place in this huge field.

**6th Place** – Daniel Pyszynski, a 36-year-old contractor from Chicago went out in sixth place. He has played all three years of WSOP Circuit events in Chicago.

**5th Place** – Dan Whalen, who works in sales and lives in Chicago, collected a nice commission of more than \$20,000 for finishing in fifth place.

**4th Place** – Jacob Glanton was the fourth-place finisher. He is a 28-year-old bartender from South Bend, IN. Glanton hopes to earn enough money to turn pro. He also was proud of the fact he was the "Last Hoosier Standing" in this tournament. Glanton earned \$27,511 for his fine effort.

**3rd Place** – Jack Ranallo, a 34-year-old CEO of a supply company in Elmwood Park, IL went out in third place. He was close to the chip lead with Edward Corrado late in the tournament. But Ranallo went card dead late and had to settle for third place. He cashed for \$36,203.

**2nd Place** – Runner-up Edward Corrado has made numerous final tables and cashes throughout his long career. He now travels around the country playing in many WSOP Circuit events. Corrado, who is 79-years-old and is retired, collected \$47,975. This was his 14th WSOP Circuit cash and ninth final table appearance. Corrado won a Gold Ring at the Tunica Grand (Mississippi) back in 2006.

**1st Place** – Brett Schwertley is a 27-year-old aspiring professional poker player. This was his fifth cash during the young 2010-2011 WSOP Circuit season, which makes him one of the early leaders in that category. Schwertley, who lives in Omaha, NE collected his first Gold Ring, plus \$77,438 in prize money.

## **AN INTERVIEW WITH BRETT SCHWERTLEY**

**QUESTION:** The road to victory was not easy. Tell us how the final table started.

**SCHWERTLEY:** Last night, on the very first hand we were dealt, I started with \$1.6 million (second in chips). The player to my right had about a million. We got it all in pre-flop. I had two aces. He had two jacks. A jack came on he flop, and all the sudden I was the shortest stack at the table.

**QUESTION:** That's a huge hit to take on the very first hand. How do you recover from that and come back to win?

**SCHWERTLEY:** It's pretty tough. But it happens. A similar thing happened to me in the Council Buffs (WSOP Circuit) Main Event. I ended up losing with aces against tens and finished 14th. It happens.

**QUESTION:** Tell us about the final hand.

**SCHWERTLEY:** It was a limp pot. I flopped two pair. I check raised him on the flop and he called. Then, I turned a flush draw. The turn gave me the heart draw with two pair. I bet again and he called. The river gave me a flush and I shoved. It was a pretty easy hand to play.

**QUESTION:** What did you think of Ed Corrado's call on the end, with just top pair?

**SCHWERTLEY:** It's kind of a spot where I either missed or I have a huge hand. I could have had J-T of diamonds, or something like that. I can understand why he did it.

**QUESTION:** Was there ever a point where you were close to the felt and nearly busted out?

**SCHWERTLEY:** Yes. Earlier, I beat pocket queens with A-8 of clubs. I was on the button and short-stacked. I shoved. The big blind called and showed two queens.

**QUESTION:** How does winning \$77,438 feel?

**SCHWERTLEY:** It does not really change anything for me. But I am very competitive and I plan to play in more events. This is the third straight WSOP Circuit I have attended this year. So, I will keep doing that for a while. I was in good shape with points coming in, and now I am the leader here, so far.

**QUESTION:** So, do you think more people are motivated to play in more WSOP Circuit events now, because of the new points system and freeroll?

**SCHWERTLEY:** I think it is, for a lot of people – yeah. If you get the points, you get a chance to play in the bigger event, so sure.

With this victory, Brett Schwertley takes the early lead in the points race to determine qualifiers for the WSOP Circuit National Championship. There will be 11 players from this Chicago series who will advance to the \$1 million freeroll national championship, to be played at season's end in Las Vegas.

This is the third consecutive year that Horseshoe Hammond has hosted a WSOP Circuit stop. All tournament events take place inside the special events arena called "The Venue." Horseshoe Hammond is conveniently

located just a short distance from the Illinois-Indiana border, just 20 minutes away from Downtown Chicago.

This is the third WSOP Circuit stop of the 2010-2011 season. To view the schedule of events taking place at Horseshoe Hammond from October 15-28, please click [HERE](#). To see the complete WSOP Circuit schedule, including all upcoming stops and dates, please click [HERE](#).

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